

Kids ride free on BART Saturdays in August

BART is excited to announce a big offer for our smallest customers: Kids Ride Free on BART every Saturday in August!

Visit www.bart.gov/kids to download and print a flash pass, show it to the BART Station Agent, pass through the swing gate (not the regular fare gates) and enjoy a free BART ride.

The Kids Ride Free promotion is courtesy of Viz Media, the San Francisco-based publishing, licensing and animation company that has brought the POKÉMON characters and wildly



popular INUYASHA series to the U.S.

Some restrictions do apply, but not too many:

- Only for children 12 and under.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Maximum of two children per fare paying adult.

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Enjoy Oakland Chinatown StreetFest

On August 26 and 27, the Oakland Chinatown Chamber of Commerce presents its 19th Annual Chinatown StreetFest. Chinatown StreetFest attracts thousands of people from all over the Bay Area who come to savor the tastes of Asia, and to experience the traditions that Oakland's Chinatown has so diligently preserved.

Don't fight traffic or battle to get a parking spot, take BART to StreetFest! Exit at Oakland City Center/12th street for all the fun. Plan your BART trip at www.bart.gov.

The two-day event runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and admission is free.

The festival spans ten blocks of Oakland's Chinatown, with more than 280 booths showcasing a myriad of delicious foods, unique Asian products and special services. For more information, visit oaklandchinatownstreetfest.com.



Tips for riding BART with your kids

BART Kids Ride Free Saturdays are a great way to introduce your little ones to the fastest, most economical, and environmentally friendly way to get around the Bay Area. Taking a few precautions will make your trip a lot more enjoyable.

- Many BART restrooms are closed for security reasons. Please use the restroom at home before your BART adventure.
- No eating or drinking is allowed in the BART system.
- Please be careful on escalators.
- Please hold young children's hands when you're on the train platform.
- Be sure to check for your belongings as you leave the train.
- Have fun!

Take BART to the Solano Stroll

On Sunday, September 10, mile-long Solano Avenue in Berkeley and Albany turns into the Bay Area's biggest block party, drawing more than 250,000 attendees to the world famous Solano Stroll. Don't waste time in traffic or looking for parking, take BART to the Stroll.

A free shuttle runs from North Berkeley BART to the festival. For more information, visit solanostroll.org.

Booths open at 10 and the "Send in the Clowns" theme parade featuring the BARTmobile, starts at 11. After the parade, the Stroll kicks into high gear, featuring 90 entertainers, 65 food booths, 140 juried crafts, wacky art cars, and 200 community organizations.

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Security is our top priority...

The July 11 train bombings in India are another tragic reminder that our nation's transit systems are vulnerable to terrorist attacks. They are, by their very nature, open systems.

That doesn't mean BART isn't working hard to make things safer. BART has trained all frontline employees in how to recognize and respond to potential terror attacks and we have invested heavily in security upgrades. Since 9/11 alone, BART has spent \$21 million on equipment, manpower and expertise. We have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to protect you, but we need your help as well.

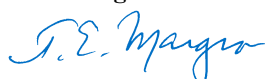
If you see a suspicious package, report it.

How can you tell if it's suspicious? Think of it as **HOT**: Hidden, Obviously suspicious and not Typical.

Report **HOT** packages to BART police or other BART employees. On trains, use intercoms on either end of BART cars to talk with the Train Operator. In stations, use the white courtesy phone to contact the Station Agent or other phones to call BART Police toll free at 1/877-679-7000 or 911.

Your safety is our top priority.

As always, thanks for riding BART!



Thomas E. Margro, General Manager

Thanks for riding BART and sparing the air!

Over 151,000 additional riders used BART on six free Spare the Air days provided by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District in June and July.

The free transit Spare the Air program has concluded, but the Air District will continue to declare Spare the Air days when conditions warrant. We encourage you to continue riding BART on Spare the Air days even though free rides will not be provided. Sign up for free Air Alerts at sparetheair.org.



Kids Ride Free continued

The program also offers special destinations and discounts for each Kids Ride Free Saturday.

On August 5, 12, 19 and 26, kids under 12 get into the California Academy of Sciences free with a paid adult admission. Take BART to Powell Street Station and walk two blocks to 875 Howard Street. Show your flash pass or BART ticket for this special offer.

On August 12, the Oakland Athletics play the Tampa Bay Devil Rays at 6:05. Kids 12 and under can show their Kids Ride Free flash pass or BART ticket at the A's box office and get a \$14 Plaza Outfield ticket* for just \$5! Ride BART to Coliseum/Oakland Airport Station.

Take BART to Coliseum/Oakland Airport Station on August 19 and get a \$15 Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus ticket* for just \$5 with your Kids Ride Free flash pass or BART ticket! Show times are 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 26 ride BART to Powell Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. when Viz Media is giving away Free Manga and Anime "Kids Packs."** Show your flash pass or BART ticket and get a "Kids Pack" from Viz Media, publishers of world famous manga and anime.

For more information and to enter a drawing to win an Apple iPod, visit www.bart.gov/kids.

* Limited supply. First come first served.

GOOD TIMES

People in Plazas free concert series, August edition

Locations around downtown San Francisco www.marketstreet.citysearch.com, 415/362-2500

BART: Embarcadero, Montgomery or Powell depending on venue

Concerts throughout August and September – all performances at noon.

Aug. 9: Sony Holland (jazz vocals) at Crocker Galleria. Emily Lord (folk rock) at 525 Market St.

BART: Montgomery.

Aug. 19: Simms/Walsh (pop) at 303 Second St.

BART: Montgomery.

Aug. 11: Kurt Ribak Quintet (jazz) at 101 California St.

BART: Embarcadero. Full House Rhythm

Kings (R&B) at 425 Market St. **BART:**

Montgomery. Robin Campbell Band (sultry rock)

at 555 California St. **BART: Montgomery.**

Aug. 14: Starboard Watch (folk) at 101 California St.

BART: Embarcadero. Check online or call for complete schedule.

Berkeley Farmers Market Tomato Tasting

Saturday Berkeley Farmers Market Center Street at Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley (Note: the Tuesday and Saturday Farmers Markets are at different locations)

www.ecologycenter.org or 510/548-3333

BART: Downtown Berkeley, one-block walk

Saturday, Aug. 19, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.: Sample as many as 35 tomato varieties. At 11 a.m., chef

Samin Nosrat of Eccolo restaurant demonstrates

how to prepare panzanella, a Tuscan tomato and

bread salad. At 11:30 a.m., farmer Mike Madison

signs and reads from his new book "Blithe

Tomato," a wry look at farmers market society.

13th Annual Pistahan Parade and Festival

Market Street from Embarcadero to Yerba Buena

Gardens, San Francisco, www.pistahan.net

BART: Embarcadero, Powell, Montgomery

Sat. and Sun., August 12-13, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.:

Share the dazzling display of Filipino culture and

traditions at this year's Pistahan Parade down

Market Street on Sunday, August 13. Festival

takes place Saturday and Sunday at Yerba Buena Gardens.

Millbrae Art & Wine Festival

Broadway Avenue in Millbrae

www.miramarevents.com/millbrae, 650/697-7324

BART: Millbrae, catch FREE shuttle to festival

Sat. and Sun., September 2-3, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.:

Giant Labor Day weekend event with more than

100,000 visitors gathering for a Mardi Gras-style

celebration featuring music, a juried show with

250 artists and craftsmakers, tasty food, premium

wines and microbrews.

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey "Greatest Show on Earth"

Oakland Arena, I-800 at 66th Ave.

www.ticketmaster.com, 510/625-TIXS,

415/421-TIXS, 707/528-TIX, 408/998-TIXS

BART: Coliseum

Thursday-Saturday, **Aug. 17-19:** It's a revolution!

The 135-year-old circus breaks through the three

rings that have been iconic since they were intro-

duced in 1880 and instead makes a single perfor-

mance area center stage for a story line woven

through the production. But there are still 85 per-

formers, 16 clowns, more than 70 domestic and

exotic animals, and a dazzling spectacle for all.

San Francisco City Guides Free Walking Tours

Points around the city

www.sfcityguides.org or 415/557-4255

It Can't Happen Here (2nd Monday of the month

10 a.m.; 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays 1 p.m.) meets

at the small alley between 525 and 555 Market St.

to explore earthquake risks **BART: Montgomery.**

Ferry Building Tour (Tues. and Sat. noon;

Thursdays 5 p.m.) meets at the foot of the stairs

at the front entrance, Market and Embarcadero

BART: Embarcadero. **Downtown Deco** discovers

the legacy of the Art Deco Era the 1st and 3rd

Sundays, 1 p.m. (meet in front of the Telephone

Building, 140 New Montgomery, **BART:**

Embarcadero. Check online or call for more info.

By the Hand

Bedford Gallery

Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts

1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek

www.bedfordgallery.org or 925/295-1417

BART: Walnut Creek

Through Sept. 10: Works in clay, glass, wood,

metal and fiber, representing a broad range of

styles, celebrates the history of Craft and tradi-

tions of handiwork – as well as examining our

current times and evolving methods of "making."

Digging Deep: Underneath San Francisco Public Library

San Francisco Public Library, First Floor,

Grove Street Entrance Exhibit Cases

100 Larkin St., www.sfppl.org or 415/557-4277

BART: Civic Center

Through summer 2006: The library rests on a

Gold Rush-era cemetery and the ruins of the old

City Hall that was destroyed in the 1906 earth-

quake and fire. On display are archeological

remains from the site, including everyday and

unusual objects that tell the story of the City's

earliest residents.

